MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is.

Delay in the return of Account Books produced in Civil Courts.

134. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (1) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the fact that the merchants of Shencotta are put to considerable hardship since the account books produced in civil courts are not returned promptly and that proper care is not bestowed for the safe custody of these books that are detained in the courts?

(2) If the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and do the needful?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) There was a representation on the subject at the 22nd Session of the Assembly. The High Court, to whom the representation was referred, have stated that the complaint is groundless. In this connection, the member is also referred to Rule 60 of the Civil Courts' Guide.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this does not arise.

Commencement of Work in the Kodayar Irrigation Project Division.

135. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount of surrender from the Kodayar Project Division out of the allotted expenditure for it for the year 1102;

(*b*) whether any explanation was called for from the Division Officer concerned for such surrender;

(*c*) when the present Division Officer took charge of the Kodayar Project Division;

(*d*) the usual period of the year, when public works are generally started by the department in the Kodayar Project Division; and

(*e*) what amount, if any, has been spent during the months of Chingam, Kanni and Tulam of the current year (1103) in the said Division?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 98,115.

(*b*) The Division Officer had explained the causes of the surrender in his report to the Chief Engineer and there is therefore no necessity to call for further explanation from him.

(*c*) On the forenoon of the 16th Kumbham 1102.

(*d*) In the Kodayar Project Division, public works in channels and tanks are usually done at the closure season, *i. e.* between the 1st week of Kumbham and the 1st week of Edavam, when the channels

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